Creation of Rural Business Centres

2189. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering any proposal for the creation of rural business centres for rural development and agriculture growth; and

(b) if so, the features thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYA KANTA PATIL): (a) and (b) No decision has yet been taken on creation of Rural Business Centres.

Involvement of NTPC in revival of DPC

2190. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:
SHRI CHITABRATA MAJUMDAR:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to involve NTPC in revival of Dabhol Power Corporation (DPC) of Enron in Maharashtra; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, with terms and conditions of such involvement?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) and (b) An empowered Group of Ministers has been set up to examine and decide all issues related to the Dabhol power project, keeping all relevant aspects in view.

National Family Benefit Scheme

2191. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state.

(a) whether any proposal, seeking financial assistance for the payment of arrears due to the beneficiaries of National Family Benefit Scheme has been received from the Government of Kerala;

(b) the total amount of arrears due and the amount requested to meet the expenses of the above centrally sponsored scheme;

(c) whether the Government granted funds towards the scheme during the current year; and